

REMARKS

Please reconsider the present application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering the present application.

Applicant notes that in the Office Action, although the Examiner has checked the boxes to indicate that all certified copies of the foreign priority documents have been received, the box for acknowledgement of claim for foreign priority was left unchecked. Applicant believes that this is merely a typographic error and respectfully requests that if acknowledgement of claim for foreign priority was intended not to be made, reasons as to why be set forth in the next Office Action or Notice of Allowance.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-6 are currently pending in the present application. By way of this reply, independent claims 1 and 2 have been amended. Claims 3-6 depend, either directly or indirectly, on claim 1.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended with identical limitations to more specifically claim the invention. Support for the unit regions being disposed on “a back surface of the substrate” can be found in the specification, for example, in paragraph 0057, lines 4-8. Support for “the disposed plurality of unit reflective portions being of random size within each of the plurality of unit regions” and “each of the plurality of unit regions having a common arrangement pattern of the plurality of unit reflective portions” can be found in

the specification, for example, in paragraph 20, lines 7-9. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

Rejection(s) Under 35 U.S.C § 103

Claims 1-3 of the present application were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,568,819 issued to Yamazaki. The claims have been amended in view of Examiner's comments.

Applicant notes that Yamazaki fails to disclose that the repetition pitch of the unit region is integral times the pitch of pixels as required by claims 1 and 2. In fact, Yamazaki is silent regarding pixels.

Claims 1 and 2 of the present application have been amended to recite that the plurality of unit reflective portions are of random size within each of the plurality of unit regions, and that each of the unit regions have a common arrangement pattern of the plurality of unit reflective portions. Yamazaki fails to disclose these limitations. In view of the amendments, claims 1 and 2 are now patentable over Yamazaki. As claim 3 depends on claim 1, claim 3 is allowable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 4 of the present application was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,568,819 issued to Yamazaki in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,528,572 issued to Patel. As discussed above, claim 1 is patentable above Yamazaki. Patel fails to disclose all of the limitations in claim 1, or supply that which Yamazaki lacks. Patel simply relates to a polymeric resin composition. Claim 4 depends on claim 1. Thus, claim 4 is patentable over Yamazaki and Patel, whether considered separately or in combination. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully

requested.

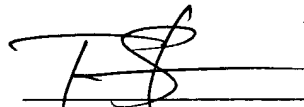
Claims 5 and 6 of the present application were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application No. 10/194,847 issued to Ikeda in view of Yamazaki. As discussed above, claim 1 is patentable over Yamazaki. Ikeda fails to disclose all of the limitations of claim 1, or supply that which Yamazaki lacks. It is expressly stated by the Examiner that Ikeda fails to teach a reflector as recited in the claims. Claims 5 and 6 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1. Thus, claims 5 and 6 are patentable over Ikeda and Yamazaki, whether considered separately or in combination. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places the present application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 15115.108001).

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